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HIS WIFE SHAVED HIM.

She Wasn't Going to Be Late to Church if
She Knew He Wasn't Shaved.

The story was told by a talkative man
who was evidently from the country.
The barber drew it out by the usual question
solved of new patrons, "Do you shave
yourself?"

"Not much," was the reply. "Does
my face look as if I did?"

The barber confessed that his face was
in good condition, whereupon the talkative
man added, with a chuckle:

"And I don't usually get shaved by
any barber, either."

"How's that?" asked the barber.

"My wife shaved me," answered the
talkative man, with another chuckle.
"She's done it every day for five years,"

he added, "and I ain't never had any rea-
son to complain of her work."

"Who taught her the trade?" asked the
barber, becoming interested.

"Learned it herself. It came about this
way: One Sunday morning soon after
we were married I started off to a bar-
ber shop to get shaved before going to
church. The shop was crowded, as I
knew it would be. But as I'd never been
any great churchgoer I didn't hurry. I
waited for my favorite barber, who of
course was everybody's favorite too. And
when I finally got home it was pretty
late. I thought my wife would get
tired of waiting, you see, and go on to
church alone, expecting me to follow. But
she hadn't. She sat with her things
on, and when I saw her I was prepared
to catch it, and the talkative man gig-
gled reflectively.

"And did you catch it?" prompted the
barber.

"Well, she wanted an explanation, and
of course I told her the usual story about
having to wait.

"Well," says she, "you won't do no
more waiting around barber shops while
you and I live together. You can shave
yourself future."

"No, I can't," says I. "I cut my face."

"Then I'll shave you," says she.

"You can't," says I.

"Yes, I can," says she, "and I will."

"I thought the best way to convince
her and keep peace in the family was to
let her try it once, so the next Sunday I
submitted, telling her beforehand that if
she didn't give me a clean shave and
no cuts, I wouldn't go to church. Well,

she gave me as good a shave as fever
gave from a barber, and after that I let
her keep it up, and I've never been sorry
for it. I tell you, it's a luxury there
can't many poor men afford."

"Next," said the barber.—Buffalo Express.

Good Factory Experiments.

A system of moistening the air of a
cotton factory—as is required in some
departments of a mill before blowing it
into the rooms—has been the subject of
much experiment. It has been found
that, if a jet of steam or vapor is dis-
charged into the main duct any degree
of humidity desired can be obtained, but
all the air is moistened alike, being dis-
tributed to the different rooms by the
risers leading thereto. This, however,
which is best adapted for one depart-
ment in a cotton mill may not prove
equally favorable for another.

Then, too, the introduction of moisture
at this point may work disastrously
to the walls of the ducts and risers. It
is now found that this objection may be
overcome at a small expense by carry-
ing a steam pipe down through each
room and putting opposite each opening
in the floor, through which the air enters
the room, an outlet with valves for regu-
lating the flow of the steam. In this
way the exhaust steam from the engine
which drives the blower flows into the
room, and being caught up by the cur-
rent of air passing from the flue is thus
distributed throughout the room. Ex-
perience with this plan through cold
weather has proved its peculiar value.—
New York Sun.

Water Drinking Water.

"The best water I ever drank," writes
a correspondent, "was at Maitre, where
it is collected on the flat roofs, which
are most carefully cleaned preparatory
to the heavy fall of rain which takes
place when the weather breaks the first
or second week in September. Every
house has below it an immense tank
of the same area as the house, and
about 12 feet deep, and into this pour
the beautiful fresh water, which comes
up cool and sparkling when wanted."

Method is like packing things in a
box; a good packer will get in half as
much again as a bad one.—Cecil.

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